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REMARKS

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At 1:10 p.m. on 2 December 1952, [ ] the noise of an aircraft flying within the Dessau air corridor at an altitude of about 2,000 meters. [ ] that it was a four-engine plane. On that day the ceiling was at an altitude of 600 meters and visibility was from 1,000 to 1,500 meters. When the plane was in the Dessau-Gross Kuehnau area, heavy AA guns, which appeared to be emplaced near Brambach-Rietzmeck, opened fire at this plane. The detonations of the shells could distinctly be heard, and window panes in Kuehnau shook during the three minutes when the 4 to 6 guns were firing. [ ] estimated that 25 volleys had been fired. [ ] in determining the pin-point location of the AAA battery involved.

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1. [ ] Comment. Emplacements of a unit of the 62th AA Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army are known to be located on the Elbe River west of Dessau. The information contained in the report cannot be verified. It is well possible [ ] heard practice firing of a Soviet AAA battery.

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